

**A RESOLUTION BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE**

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND
ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$500,000, TO BE MATCHED WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$500,000,
TO PROCURE BODY ARMOR FOR ATLANTA POLICE OFFICERS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Department has identified a need to purchase body armor for new recruits and to replace armor worn by officers that is going out of warrantee during 2005, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice is presently accepting applications under the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership program to fund 50% of the cost of body armor for police officers, and

WHEREAS, the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership program will help the City bear the ongoing costs of equipping police officers in the City of Atlanta with life protecting body armor,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

Section one: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept grant funding from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bulletproof Partnership program, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for body armor for Atlanta Police Officers.

Section two: that matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 are available in the General Fund Budget for 2005 in the Non-Departmental section of the General Fund Budget in fund account and center 1A01 761001 T31001.

Section three: that upon execution of the grant agreement, the Chief Financial Officer, or her designee, is authorized to transfer sufficient matching funds from the General Fund Budget to match grant funds as they are spent to procure body armor for Atlanta Police Officers.

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Caption A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000, TO BE MATCHED WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$500,000, TO PROCURE BODY ARMOR FOR ATLANTA POLICE OFFICERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Council Meeting Date: February 7, 2005

Legislation Title: FY2005 Bulletproof vest grant

Requesting Dept.: Police

Contract Type: Grant

Source Selection: Not applicable

Bids/Proposals Due: Not applicable

Invitations Issued: Not applicable

Number of Bids/ Not applicable

Proposals Received: Not applicable

Bidders/Proponents: Not applicable

Justification Statement: The Atlanta Police Department is once again eligible to apply for funds from the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, a program of the United States Department of Justice, designed to pay 50% of the cost of body armor for police officers. In years past the Department has benefited from this program and outfitted officers with body armor. This grant will fund replacement armor for officers whose vests' warranty expires during 2005 and for new recruits who must be measured and fitted for new armor. The Police Department anticipates each vest will cost between \$500 and \$600 and the Department will require some 1,400 vests for the purposes outlined above.

Background: Police officer safety is of vital importance to the Atlanta Police Department. Body armor is one critical piece of equipment that protects officers from deadly harm from gunfire. It is important to maximum protection by the vests, so each new recruit is measured and fitted for body armor to assure the best protection possible. Further, after five years the warranty on each vest expires, and the Department replaces

armor as the warranty expires, based on the notion that the protective material loses its reliability over that span of time, due to wear and usage.

Fund Account Center: To be assigned by the Department of Finance upon award of the grants.

Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Justice

Fiscal Impact: Maximum \$500,000 match available in the proposed 2005 General Fund Budget in the Non-Departmental Section.

Term of Contract: Until funds are expended.

Method of Cost Recovery: Reimbursement from Justice via online drawdown of funds.

Approvals:

DOF:

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